

1. (Once amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule that
A3 encodes a cotton protein or fragment thereof comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ
ID NO: 1.

Please add the following new claims:

10. (New) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic
acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

A4 11. (New) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule consisting of a
nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Remarks

I. Support for the Amendments

The specification has been amended to remove the alleged embedded hyperlinks and/or other forms of browser-executable code. Claim 1 has been amended and new claims 10 and 11 have been added. Support for the foregoing amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 6 and page 15, line 3 to line 21, in the sequence listing, and in the original claims. No new matter enters by these amendments.

II. The Restriction Requirement

The application presently contains claims 1, 10 and 11. In the Office Action mailed May 3, 2002, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121: